

**Listing of and Amendment of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

Claim 1. (cancelled)

Claim 2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (cancelled)

Claim 4. (cancelled)

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (cancelled)

Claim 7. (cancelled)

8. (original) A holder for holding and suspending a beverage bottle from the neck of an individual with the holder attachable to the individual's neck, comprising:

a pair of arcuate, pliable ribs with the ribs joined together at a base portion and each rib having a distal end and the distal ends of the ribs separated by a gap;

the ribs defining a beverage bottle opening for insertion therein of the beverage bottle so that the ribs can engage and hold the beverage bottle;

a curvilinear web portion connected to the base portion of the ribs;

a pair of spaced-apart prongs with each prong projecting rearwardly from each respective rib and the prongs capable of being simultaneously squeezed together and released for facilitating the insertion of the beverage bottle within the opening and the removal of the beverage bottle therefrom;

a pair of flexible tabs connected to the web portion and extending upwardly from the web portion with the tabs separated by a slot to permit the flexure of the tabs;

a base housing removably lockable to the tabs so that the tabs can be selectively locked to the base housing and unlocked therefrom;

a decorative figurine character mounted to the base housing; and

a lanyard attached to the decorative figurine character so that the lanyard can be placed about the neck of the individual for suspending the holder and the beverage bottle therefrom;

9. (original) The holder of claim 8 wherein the decorative figurine character can represent television and movie characters, action figures, sports figures, cartoon characters, and comic book characters.

10. (original) The holder of claim 9 wherein the base housing includes an interior cavity into which the tabs are inserted for locking the tabs to the base housing.

11. (original) The holder of claim 10 wherein the base housing includes a pair of opposed side slots with each tab engaging with and locking into each respective side slot after the tabs have been inserted into the cavity of the base housing.

12. (original) A beverage bottle holder for attachment to the neck of the individual for holding and suspending a beverage bottle from the neck of the individual, comprising:

a holder including a pair of arcuate, pliable ribs for gripping and holding the beverage bottle therein, an intermediate curvilinear web portion connected to the ribs, the web portion having an upper securement end, and a pair of prongs extending rearwardly from ribs and capable of being simultaneously squeezed together and released for facilitating the engagement of the ribs to the beverage bottle and the removal of the beverage bottle from the ribs;

a decorative character figurine mounted to a base housing and the base housing being removably securable to the upper securement end of the web portion for locking the holder to the decorative character figurine; and

a lanyard attachable to the decorative character figurine so that the lanyard can be placed about the individual's neck for suspending the decorative character figurine with the holder locked thereto from the neck of the individual.

13. (original) The beverage bottle holder of claim 12 wherein the holder can be welded to the base housing for permanently connecting the holder to the decorative character figurine.

14. (original) The beverage bottle holder of claim 13 wherein the holder can be glued to the base housing for permanently connecting the holder to the decorative character figurine.

15. (original) The beverage bottle holder of claim 14 wherein the base housing includes an interior cavity so that the upper securement end of the web portion can be snap locked therein for locking the holder to the decorative character figurine.

16. (original) The beverage bottle holder of claim 15 wherein the decorative character figurine can represent television and movie characters, action figures, sports characters, cartoon characters, and comic book characters.